



# Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

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The City of Jordan's water distribution system consists of a large network of piping and service connections that convey water from the treatment plant to individual homes and businesses. Over time, naturally occurring sediment and deposits accumulate in the distribution system, which can degrade water quality if not annually flushed from the system. Furthermore, areas of the distribution system with low water usage can result in stagnation and degraded quality.

As part of routine annual water system maintenance, the Public Works Department will be conducting hydrant flushing from May 7th through May 18th. The purpose of hydrant flushing is to help protect the water distribution system by removing accumulated sediment and eliminating stagnant water conditions. Hydrant flushing also provides the City an opportunity to test the fire flow capacity of individual hydrants in the event of fire emergencies.



Despite these long-term benefits, hydrant flushing may cause short-term discoloration of water at some homes and businesses. This is due to the stirring up of sediment within the pipe network prior to being flushed from the system. The discolored water is safe to consume and will not damage appliances, but could stain fabrics and result in other temporary aesthetic issues. If you experience discolored water, make sure to run cold water until your water becomes clear again, which may take up to 30 minutes. If your water remains discolored for several hours, please contact Scott Haas, Public Works Director at 952-492-2535.



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